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SUBJECT: MAY NPG MEETING

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DA RIN) HAS OFFICIALLY ASKED MISSION TO REQUEST THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RICHARDSON INCLUDE IN HIS STRATEGIC REVIEW AT MAY NPG MINISTERIAL AN EVALUATION OF CHINESE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS. ITALIANS VIEW INCREASED PRC NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AS EVER MORE PERTINENT TO OVERALL ALLIED PLANNING AND WOULD ESPECIALLY WELCOME AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF CHINESE NUCLEAR PROGRAM ON SOVIET' S STRATEGIC THINKING AND ATTITUDE TOWARD SUCH SUBJECTS AS SALT AND MBFR.

2. DA RIN NOTED GREAT IMPORTANCE GOI ATTACHES TO NPG AND TO SECDEF' S BRIEFING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT U. S. WOULD AGREE THAT NPG IS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT. WHILE PREFERRING NATO CONTEXT, SHOULD WASHINGTON NOT FEEL IT PRACTICAL TO DO SO, GOI WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING U. S. ASSESSMENT ON BILATERAL BASIS. VOLPE

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